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FOLLOWING REPEAT TEL AVIV 5554 ACTION SECSTATE JULY 28.

QUOTE S E C R E T TEL AVIV 5554

NODIS CHEROKEE

FOR THE SECRETARY

E.O. 11652: XGDS-3

TAGS: PFOR, IS, US

SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S PLANS FOR TALKS WITH THE ARABS

REF: STATE 176593

1. I AM EXTREMELY GRATEFUL TO HAVE PROMPTLY THIS
MORNING THE DETAILED REPORT ON YOUR MEETING WITH
DINITZ JULY 26, PARTICULARLY SINCE EVRON DISCUSSED
SOME TROUBLING ASPECTS OF IT WITH ME LAST NIGHT AND
I HAVE JUST BEEN ASKED TO COME TO JERUSALEM FOR A
MEETING WITH BEGIN AND DAYAN AT 4:30 P.M. TODAY,
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JULY 28.

2. EVRON TOLD ME THAT DINITZ' CABLED REPORT ON YOUR
MEETING WAS READ BY BEGIN AT THE CABINET MEETING
YESTERDAY MORNING. WHEN HE CAME TO THE PART DEALING
WITH THE PHRASE "ON ALL FRONTS" IN POINT FOUR, BEGIN
SAID THAT HE HAD NOT RPT NOT AGREED TO THE INCLUSION

OF THAT PHRASE AS IT WOULD BE CONTRARY TO THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT POSITION. HE THEN INSTRUCTED EVRON TO SEND INSTRUCTIONS TO DINITZ TO CLARIFY THIS POINT WITH YOU QUICKLY, AND I ASSUME THAT HAS BY THIS TIME OCCURRED. EVRON AND I TRIED TO SPECULATE AS TO HOW THIS MISUNDERSTANDING COULD HAVE OCCURRED. EVRON SAID THAT BEGIN WAS OBVIOUSLY SURPRISED BY DINITZ' TELEGRAM AND HE FELT CERTAIN THERE WAS A GENUINE MISUNDERSTANDING BETWEEN BEGIN AND THE PRESIDENT. I SAID THAT OF COURSE THIS WAS AN EXTREMELY IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN THE FIVE POINTS AND THAT I FEARED THIS DEVELOPMENT WILL FURTHER COMPLICATE YOUR ALREADY VERY DIFFICULT TASK IN THE WEEKS JUST AHEAD.

3. IN FURTHER CONVERSATION ABOUT THE FIVE POINTS AND DINITZ' REPORTS ON THE MEETINGS, EVRON MADE CLEAR THAT HE AND OTHERS WERE CONCERNED THAT BEGIN HAD BEEN "CARELESS" ON ONE OR TWO OTHER ASPECTS IN THE MEETING AFTER LUNCH WITH YOU. FOR EXAMPLE, EVRON DOES NOT UNDERSTAND HOW BEGIN COULD HAVE AGREED THAT A SINGLE ARAB DELEGATION AT THE OPENING PLENARY SESSION MIGHT EVEN BE CONSIDERED BY THE ISRAELIS, EVEN IF IT BROKE UP INTO NATIONAL DELEGATIONS AT THE COMMITTEE STAGE. HE CITED UNHAPPY ISRAELI DIPLOMATIC HISTORY GOING CLEAR BACK TO THE 1940'S WHICH HE SAID ARGUES THAT ONCE THE PRINCIPLE OF A SINGLE ARAB DELEGATION IS ADMITTED THEN
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THERE IS NO WAY OF PRECLUDING ANY NATIONAL DELEGATION FROM CALLING FOR AN ALL-ARAB CAUCUS ON ANY AND ALL ISSUES. BUT WHEN I PRESSED HIM, HE SAID CLEARLY THAT HE UNDERSTOOD WHAT BEGIN HAD SAID TO YOU AND THAT BEGIN WAS A MAN WHO KEPT HIS WORD. CERTAINLY THOSE IN THE GOVERNMENT WHO DISAGREED WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO MAKE HIM GO BACK ON IT. (AS I RECALL THAT EXCHANGE, I THINK BEGIN UNDERSTOOD THE IMPORT OF THE QUESTION WE PUT TO HIM, AND HIS RESPONSE WAS GRUDGING BUT CLEAR THAT HE WOULD NOT EXCLUDE SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT IF IT WERE THE ONLY ON POSSIBLE.)

4. I DO NOT KNOW WHAT SUBJECT BEGIN WILL TAKE UP WITH ME LATER TODAY, BUT I SUSPECT IT WILL BE EITHER SETTLEMENTS POLICIES OR SOME ASPECT OF THE MISUNDERSTANDING ON POINT FOUR CITED ABOVE. I WILL ALSO USE THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONVEY TO BEGIN THE PRESIDENT'S APPRECIATION FOR HIS DECISION ON OVERFLIGHTS PER STATE 176454. IF YOU HAVE ANY GUIDANCE FOR ME, PLEASE CABLE IT TO THE CONGEN IN JERUSALEM, AS WELL AS TO TEL AVIV, WHERE IT CAN BE DELIVERED TO ME SHORTLY BEFORE THE MEETING.

LEWIS UNQUOTE VANCE

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